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SUBJ: MILITIA ACTIVITY IN PEKING

1. BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCES REPORT MILITIA PERSONNEL
ARMED WITH STAVES PATROLLING PEKING LANES LATE AT NIGHT.

2. ONE OFFICER, WHO DRIVES HIS BABYSITTER HOME TO THE
SOUTHWEST SECTOR OF PEKING AROUND MIDNIGHT ROUGHLY FOUR
NIGHTS A WEEK, FIRST NOTED THE MILITIA PATROLS ABOUT
SIX WEEKS AGO. STOPPING TO LET HER OUT AT THE CORNER OF
LIU LI-CH'ANG AND NAN XINHUA LU, HE WAS STARTLED BY THE
APPEARANCE OF THREE TALL WOMEN, RENDERED EVEN MORE
IMPOSING BY BLUE PADDED GREAT COATS, HATS AND WHITE
SANITARY FACE MASKS. THEY CARRIED WHITE STAVES ABOUT
EIGHT FEET LONG. HE HAS SEEN THEM SINCE, AS HAS THE
BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE.

2. THE EXTENT OF THE PATROLS IS DIFFICULT TO SAY. USLO
PERSONNEL ON COURIER DUTY LATE AT NIGHT DURING THE
SECRETARY'S VISIT NOTICED NO ACTIVITY, BUT THE COURIER
ROUTE DID NOT PASS THROUGH SIDE STREETS. DAYTIME ACTIVITY
HAS BEEN NEGLIGIBLE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE RIFLE
SIGHTING DRILL NOTED IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY SEVERAL
WEEKS AGO.

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